

CIO Forum
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Meeting Summary

Participants

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John Halamka, MD, CareGroup and Harvard Medical School
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Arvind Kumar, CRICO/RMF
Eric Lundgren, AstraZeneca
Tom Murphy, South Shore Hospital
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Deb Schiel, MassHealth
Craig Schneider, Mass. Health Data Consortium
David Smith, Mass. Hospital Association
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Summary

Welcome and Announcements

The Consortium's next conference, The Tools for Meaningful and Accountable Care, will be on Friday, February 4th at the Burlington Marriott. The agenda includes panel sessions on clinical decision support, the Regional Extension Center, comparative effectiveness research, and technology solutions for HIT and HIE, as well as a keynote address by the CEO of Dean Healthcare in Madison, Wisconsin (an accountable care organization), breakfast briefings by Arcadia Solutions and Platform Solutions, and presentation of

the Investing in Information Award to Marylou Buyse, MD, Jim Conway, and Samuel Thier, MD. A flyer is attached to the summary.

The annual CIO Dinner will be held on Tuesday, February 15th from 6:00 – 9:00 at C. Tsar's Restaurant, 344 Walnut Street in Newton, 02460. The guest speakers will be Tom Lee, MD of Partners Community Healthcare and Maia Larsson of FoleyHoag, who will discuss the clinical and legal aspects of establishing an ACO. About 40 people have already registered. If you haven't yet registered and would like to attend, please send an e-mail to Stacy McKenna at smckenna@mahealthdata.org.

Nakhle Tarazi, MD is the Elliot M. Stone Intern for 2010-11. He is doing a study on patient experience when physician practices switch from paper to electronic systems. If your organization would like to host him to interview patients for this project, please let Craig Schneider know at cschneider@mahealthdata.org.

Transitions: Jim Daniel of DPH is doing an extended project with the Office of the National Coordinator in Washington. Alice Bonner of DPH is leaving to take a position with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services in Baltimore to oversee nursing home quality.

The Consortium welcomes three new IT Partners for 2011 to the organization and to the CIO Forum: AstraZeneca, Merck, and NaviNet. John Kelly will be re-joining the CIO Forum as a NaviNet representative.

HIE Challenge Grant

Larry Garber, MD, Medical Director for Health Informatics, Fallon Clinic
Craig Schneider, Director of Healthcare Policy, Mass. Health Data Consortium

(please see handout)

Discussion:

Dr. Halamka explained that the continuity of care record (CCR) has a fixed number of data elements, while documents based on the CDA (Clinical Document Architecture) such as the CCD are extensible. The proposal includes going through the standard HL7 balloting process to create a CDA Template extension of the CCD to accommodate the Universal Transfer Form (UTF) that is being developed by DPH. Keith Boone from GE Healthcare already did a cursory mapping of the UTF to the existing CCD, and found that about 80 percent of the data fields were in common.

ONC expected 120 applications for this grant, but received far fewer than anticipated. We are encouraged by this, as well as by the quality of the two applications submitted. There is a great deal of excitement about the opportunity with the Theme 2 proposal to connect long-term and post-acute care providers to hospitals and physician offices.

HITECH Act and CCHIT Hospital Certification Update

John Halamka, MD, CareGroup and Harvard Medical School

(please see handout)

Discussion:

Dr. Halamka said that meaningful use registration has begun. One tongue-in-cheek assessment is that either 10 percent of hospitals will achieve meaningful use, or 80 percent will lie. The President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST) report on HIT was issued in December, and some of the recommendations are controversial (see Dr. Halamka's blog post on January 14th.) In April a report on the impact of the PCAST report on ONC will be issued, and Dr. Halamka serves on the panel that will issue this report.

The Direct Project will be using S-MIME gateways, which is the model that NEHEN developed about 10 years ago. These gateways will enable connections between small practices and the Public Health Information Service Provider (HISP). Three specifications have been finished: for user certification, the adapter service, and text content structure. Five sites are expected to be operational by the end of the month.

The proposed Stage 2 and 3 regulations came out on January 13th, and are expected to be finalized by November. Karen Bell, MD said that there were not major surprises in the draft regulation, but there are a few issues: there is only one accrediting agency but there is a lack of clarity as to how an organization becomes a testing lab; gap certification – providers are only going to be certified for meeting new criteria; and authorized certification bodies (ACBs) need to be accredited before ONC will consider the provider to be certified. There will be a de-coupling of criteria between Stage 1 and Stage 2, and therefore it is recommended that providers start early to increase their likelihood of success.

Meaningful Use and MassHealth

Deb Schiel, Project Manager, MassHealth

(please see handout)

Discussion:

Q: What is your outreach strategy?

A: We are looking for staffing resources via the Massachusetts e-Health Institute – we're waiting for CMS approval of this request. You are welcome to share this PowerPoint, and any inquiries may go to Deb Schiel. Another idea is that MHDC could host a presentation for the public. We have to work out some more details before a public announcement.

Q: What is the definition of “pediatrician”?

A: We are still developing the definition.

Q: If a provider attests under Medicare, s/he/it is deemed to meet the Medicaid criteria. Will Medicare inform MassHealth once a provider is deemed?

A: That’s the idea, but the details have not been worked out yet.

Q: What is the earliest payment date for Medicaid additional payments?

A: Massachusetts hopes to receive CMS approval for our plan in July, which means that payment will likely begin in August. In year two we will use the all-payer claims database to help providers determine the numerator and denominator for their additional payment requests.

Upcoming CIO Forum Meeting Dates

CIO Dinner, Tuesday, February 15th 6:00 – 9:00 pm, C. Tsar’s Restaurant, 344 Walnut St., Newton, 02460.

CIO Forum meeting, Thursday, March 17th, 8:00 – 10:00 am, MHDC office.

CIO Retreat, Thursday, May 19th, 9:00 – 3:00, Sheraton Four Points Norwood.